

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-6 were presented. Claim 2 is canceled. Claims 1 and 3-6 are amended and are now pending.

Specification

The abstract is objected to under MPEP 608.01(b) as exceeding 150 words. In response, the abstract is amended to be less than 150 words.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 2 is indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to include all limitations of claim 2, and claim 2 is canceled. Thus, claim 1 is now in allowable form.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Nakano et al. (JP 04076209) and as anticipated by Nakano et al. (US 5,218,885). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Nakano et al. (US 5,218,885) in view of Tazaki et al. (JP 08021222). Since claim 1 has been amended into allowable form, and claims 3-6 depend from claim 1, these grounds for rejection are now moot.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment.

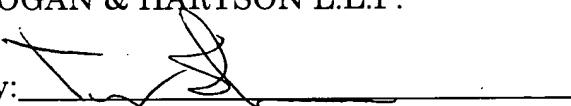
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Respectfully submitted,
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